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CORRESPONDENCE OF HENRY LAURENS

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(Continued from July)

HENRY LAURENS TO MARY GITTENS¹

Under Cover to Messrs. Stevens
& Parker, Merchants in Antigua.

20th October, 1747.

The foregoing is Copy of a Letter I wrote you the 18th September to which I refer. Since writing my last, I find 'tis very uncertain whether my Letters will reach you, & therefore I defer sending you a further supply as I promised to do p. this Bearer untill I have some more certain Acc^t. of you when you may be assured I will omitt no opportunity but do it by the first. Inclosed you have² Francis Holmes's second Bill on Mess^{rs}. Stevens & Parker for Twelve Pounds Sterling which may serve in case the first should miscarry.

I confirm all that I said in my Last & am your loving Brother.

¹ There is no further mention of his sister Mary by Laurens in his letters.

² Francis Holmes was probably the grand-son of Francis Holmes of Boston, who settled in Charleston about 1700. He has had many descendants in South Carolina, one of whom, the late George S. Holmes, left a legacy to the Charleston Library Society. It is uncertain whether the late Henry Shultz Holmes, who left a legacy of \$1000 to this Society, was of the same family.

HENRY LAURENS TO GIDNEY CLARKE

Barbadoes

6 Novem, 1762

I have the honour of writing to you the 12th ult^o P. Cap^t. Kearmitt direct, & P. Cap^t. Lusher Via S^t. Kitts since which there is very little variation in our Market. Rum³ sells slowly at 20/ to 17/6 p. Negroes are very much asked for & would bring great prices but at present we have no Exchange for our paper Currency.

Indian Corn &c. is in such demand for the Islands & Northern Colonies that tis not improbable before the year comes round altho' we have a large crop that we may be in want of Negro provision for our own use.

None, or scarcely any Ships arrived yet for the new Crop of Rice which is now ready to come to Market from many Plantations around. I shall be always ready to receive & obey your Commands, being with great respect,

Sir, &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO COXE FURMAN & CO.

Philadelphia.

6th Novem^r. 1762.

Gent.

The Copartnership of Austin Laurens⁴ & Appleby⁵ expired on the 1st August past & on Acct of M^r. Austin's many disorders which has render'd him incapable of attending to affairs of Trade together with M^r. Appleby's inclination & resolution to return to England. We had determin'd long before M^r. Austin left the Province not to extend or renew our engagements & accordingly from that time I have transacted business upon the spot in my own name, & as M^r. Appleby refuses to undertake anything that may impede or Clog his plan of quitting the Province your Letters to that House

³ Rum was reported in So. Ca. Gazette (Dec. 11, 1762) at 25s. to 15s.

⁴ George Austin, the partner of Henry Laurens, was a merchant in Charleston for many years. He married Ann Ball of the well known Charleston family, the daughter of Elias and Elizabeth Ball and the widow of Philip Daws.

Henry Laurens married Eleanor the younger half sister of Austin's wife. Austin returned to England and died in 1774 (reminiscences of the Ball family by Miss. Anne Simons Deas, page 54).

⁵ George Appleby was the nephew of George Austin (Ibid. p. 56).

of the 17th, 20th. 20th Ult^o. p your Sloop Dispatch have fallen into my hands & you may depend upon my utmost endeavours to execute your several orders in the best manner for your Interest. The Sloop arriv'd the evening of the 3rd Inst. & is now unloading without any Loss or Damage yet appearing, save one Quarter Cask Wine, whether put on board at Philadelphia as many delivered here as yet uncertain, one Cask Beer leak'd out thro an old Cask hole right in the bottom, same which the Brewer should pay for, & a little wet in one Cask Bread, & many rotten Apples. I have sold the Ship Bread all at £5.10/ p. 100^t. & begun the Beer at £15 p. Cask. Have sent one Barrel of Ham on tryal, if 'tis very good I shall obtain £6-p. 100^t. for it, & the Apples that are good goes off at £5 p. barrel. The Starch is a very bad Article & may lay here many Years unsold.⁶

Your Clerk omitted to inclose the Invoice of the Cargo, which is some disadvantage to me.

Cap^t. Kelly has delivered me One Hundred & twenty Pistoles⁷ which I pass to your Credit if all are aright at £5.15/p. £690.

I have sent Persons & wrote Letters to different parts of the Country to procure either very good, old or well dry'd new Corn & shall comply as nearly as possible with your order in loading the Sloop having due regard to that expedition & Dispatch which you so much recommend, but I have no expectation of getting new Rice enough in less than 14 or 20 days but be assur'd Gentlemen that not one minute shall be delay'd by me.

I can make no nearer computation of the Value of the Sloop's Cargo at present than supposing that Rice may cost 35 p. C^t. Corn 13/ p. bush. Pitch 50/ p bb. Tar 45/. Turpentine 10/ p 100^t. or about 40/. p. bb. tho' I hope to get each article somewhat cheaper.⁸

We have a large Crop of rice & scarcely one Ship yet arriv'd

⁶ The war with France and Spain was not yet ended by the peace of Paris in 1763, and this, of course, had its effect upon the price of provisions in Charleston.

⁷ The name (not Spanish) given to certain foreign gold coins worth about 16 s. 6 p. to 18 s. and also to the louis d'or of Louis XIII, and to the Scottish 12 pound piece worth one pound, English. The rate in the letter refers to currency evidently.

⁸ This is an important contemporary statement of prices at the time. The prices are a little higher than the prices current in the Gazette mentioned above.

to lay by for it therefore I believe that early Vessels must obtain high Freights.

I am, &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO JONAS MAYNARD, ESQ.

Barbadoes.

6th Novem, 1762

Inclosed is duplicate of the last Letter I wrote to you in the partnership of Austin Laurens & Appleby which partnership expired the 1st August, & on Account of M^r. Austin's inability thro many disorders to attend affairs of trade & M^r. Appleby's resolution to return to England we shall not renew or extend it but I shall continue to carry on business in my own name & be always glad to receive your commands.

Your Rum is sold off to one Hogsd. & Ullage⁹ & we are selling the Sugar P Vendue, as well as we can, for so little is bid even there for it, that we are forced often to bring it home again & we cannot merely for the sake of sending you an Account a few days sooner or Later, suffer it to be sold for a very trifle, therefore hope you will not be offended that your Accounts do not accompany this, & be assured that you shall have them as speedily as possible.

We have met with two more small Bills about £130 Stg. which shall be sent forward on your Acc^t. by the first Vessel sailing for England.

You see Sir that our Trade is not very encouraging & indeed scarce worth your notice, nevertheless as there are sometimes inviting opportunities, I beg leave to offer you my best services whenever you shall have occasion for them.

I am &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO CAPT. RICHARD TODD

Sloop Henry
Now bound to
Jamaica

23^d Septem^r. 1767.

Sir:

You have here inclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading for the Cargo Ship'd on board your said Sloop on Account of the Owners, to wit:

⁹ Ullage, the amount of wine or other liquor by which a cask or bottle fails of being quite full.

5/8th on Account of Mr Henry Todd, jun^r. & comp. & 3/8th on my Account with which you will proceed immediately to Kingston in Jamaica & there dispose of the whole to the best advantage for ready money, & invest the net proceed in a good Rum of a fine colour & full proof, or in Negroes, or in Dollars, as shall appear to you most for our benefit—if Rum is upward of 2/6 p Gallon no great prospect of profit appears at present from that article & therefore in such cases endeavour to lay out your Money in fine healthy young Negro lads & Men, if such of any Country except Ebo—are to be purchased at or under Forty Pounds p head, & you will remember that some cloathing will be needful upon your approach to this Coast—in case that neither Rum nor Negroes are to be purchased nor Sugar upon as good Terms as the last parcel, then bring home our money in Silver.

We rely very much upon your own judgment & therefore do not lay you under any absolute restrictions, but after giving our advice, we recommend our affairs in a great measure to your own discretion—perhaps you may see a good opportunity of purchasing Negroes cheap in the way that we were talking of today, such as are sold to pay debts & not for crimes, if so, it is probable that you may make a good return in that way, but remember that in case of Negro purchases, we must be prepared to export them again from this place, therefore if you have above nine on board it will be necessary for you to come to, with the Sloop, in Rebellion Road; former directions about the care of Negroes & also the State of your Accounts may serve in the present case, & leaves nothing particular to add upon the Sloop's Account—I beg that you will particularly wait upon Mr. Jeremiah Meyler, & press him to make me some remittance by the Henry in part of the large balance still due to me by Meyler & Hall, near £600 Sterling—in Negroes, in Rum, or Sugar, & tell him that if he does not send me something handsome this Voyage I shall, must go, the next & live at his Pen or send some of my children to be maintained there—show him this Paragraph, & don't quit him until he gives you a satisfactory answer—I cannot write by this opportunity to him or any other of my correspondents at Kingston—you know the situation of my family, & will present my respects to them all & beg their excuse—

if Capt. Gunn¹⁰ is there, say I wish he was here, but in any place, I wish him well, tho' I pity the poor Heart of Oak.

I heartily wish you a good Voyage, & that you may return to take of some of our early Rice in November, & remain,

Sir, &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM REEVE

Bristol.

2^d Oct^r. 1767.

Dear Sir:

I have received both your favours of the 15th July, the first inclosing duplicate of your Letter to Mr. Henry Middleton & one from Mr. Austin to you, & also a Letter to Mr. Thomas Liston open, which I have Seal'd & Delivered.—the second was brought to me by Mr. Middleton himself who then informed me that he would not undertake the burthen of acting as your Attorney to recover the Sum due to you by the late House of Middleton,¹¹ Liston¹² & Hope¹³ & desired to know if I would accept of a substitution to act in his stead, to which I answered in the affirmative, & he hath therefore taken with him your Power in order to extend it to me.

Having before the receipt of your Papers, a large claim upon that unfortunate House, I had been several times with Mr. Liston endeavouring to investigate a state of their affairs, & to my great surprize discovered that their Books (tho they had not dealt for Pins & Needles) were far behind, & required much time to post them up, I urged him strongly to accomplish that work & so call a Meeting of their Creditors & to lay before them a faithful abstract of their Debits & Credits, cautioning him as he valued his reputation against giving any further preferences¹⁴ either thro fear or

¹⁰ Capt. Gunn of the Heart of Oak brought collector Saxby to Charleston during the agitation over the Stamp Act.

¹¹ Col. Thomas Middleton (1719–1766). was a brother of Hon. Henry Middleton and was Colonel of the Carolina regiment in the Cherokee War. (this mag., vol. 1, p. 260.)

¹² Thomas Liston was a merchant in Charleston for years and left relations of his name in the Province.

¹³ William Hope married in Beaufort Catherine Smyth, Oct. 25 1765.

¹⁴ Under the law of England at the time of the failure and of the Province, and of the State of South Carolina until 1882 an insolvent debtor had the right

favour. at length on Monday the 28th ult^o the Creditors were summon'd & at a meeting of about half a dozen in behalf of themselves & other principal Creditors the following state & proposals were produced & made by John Rutledge, Esq. appearing on behalf of Mr. Liston who was sick, & of Wm. Middleton, Esq.¹⁵ Son & Executor of the last Will & Testament of the late Thomas Middleton, Esq.

1st. A Schedule of all the Debts due by them, (which I know to be short by some thousands) 423.430-19-2

2nd An Account of Debts due by them part of the above which they have secured by an Assignment of Bonds for £90,000 & a mortgage of 49 Negroes, sundry Household Furniture, Cattle, &c. added to said £90,000—to cover—vizt:

Mess ^{rs} . Udney, James & Co.	£30758
Henry Middleton, Esq.	18000
Jacob Motte, Esq. for duties on Negroes (or money lent to pay such duty)	28000
William Middleton, Esq.	17500
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	£94258

Remains still due by them admitting the above security of debts, Negroes, &c. to be as they are represented

£329,172-19-2

3rd. A Schedule of debts assigned over to Henry Middleton, Esq to secure him as their special Bail in divers actions and suits—which is said to be the whole of what remains to be distributed among all the Creditors & hints are given that even a great part of such debts are doubtful £184000

to make what was called "an assignment for the benefit of creditors" and in case he assigned all of his property, and did not under the terms of the instrument delay the collection of debts against him, could prefer one creditor over another and require that all persons who desired to claim the benefit of the deed should sign a release by a certain day.

¹⁵ William Middleton was the son of Col. Thomas Middleton by his first wife Mary Bull daughter of John Bull. He died shortly after the date of this letter (this mag., vol. 1, p. 262).

Remains according to present appearances depend-
ant wholly upon Mr. Middleton's private Es-
tate from whence there is no great hopes of
relief

£145172-19-2

The following proposition was made respecting the private
Estate of Thomas Middleton, Esq.

That all the Bond Creditors of the said Thomas Middleton
shall be first paid.

And next all the simple contract Creditors.

Lastly whatever remainder there shall be after such payments
of his private debts shall go in aid of the debts due by the House
of Middleton, Liston & Hope—it is to be particularly noted that
Mr. Middleton stands indebted to the Company for £45,000 or
thereabout for which sum they will appear as one of his simple
Contract Creditors.

What the Value of Mr. Middleton's private fortune may be I
know not; but from the opinions of some Gentlemen who pretend
to know, the gross of it will not exceed £70,000 (you will please
to remember that as the Sale of their affairs was produced in
Carolina Currency so I speak through the whole of Currency)
And from some discoveries made since our meeting I have good
grounds to apprehend that a great part of that £70,000 will be
absorpt in his own debts upon specialties, add to this—that the
Estate has been distributed among the Heirs & Legatees as if all
debts were paid—the time, uncertainty & difficulty of collecting
the whole together & the obvious disadvantages that a Sale of an
Estate so circumstanced must lay under—& then receiving it
under that representation my apprehensions are increased., that
there will be little or nothing remaining for the Creditors of Mid-
dleton, Liston & Hope, and if there shall not be £45000 to make
good T. M.'s debt to the Company—then the aforesaid Sum of
£184000 will be Lessen'd by so much as the deficiency of the
£45000—shall happen to be—to the further inquiry of the Credi-
tors—and as I observ'd before there is room to fear that no small
part of the £184000 is worth nothing. Hence it appears upon the
whole that £184000 composed of very doubtful & uncertain par-
ticles, as to their true value, is offer'd in final discharge of a cer-
tain Sum of £329172-19-2 which in all probability will be increased

greatly by the appearance of new debts & additions to such as are but partially return'd in the general Schedule.

This is a melancholy account indeed! an Account that must affect a great many People & some so sensibly as to prove their ruin—I feel for them as if a part of the loss was to be my own—but to proceed—Mess^{rs} Liston & Hope, have made me the most solemn promises that they will surrender themselves & go to Jail if those Creditors who have sued them & to whom Mr. H. Middleton stands as Special Bail shall not drop their actions & come in upon a footing with other Creditors & that in such case they must & will exclude them wholly—and such Creditors have all (one excepted) promised to discontinue their several actions—the day is at hand, say the 6th instant, when the other one must likewise either come in or those two bodies go to Prison—several things may happen between the Cup and the Lip therefore notwithstanding all the promises that have been made, I shall be glad to see that day safe over.

At our meeting I proposed that the Books of your Debtors should be submitted to the Inspection & Scrutiny of certain Assignees which was agreed to by Mr. Rutledge who made no doubt of Mr. Liston's confirming his engagement—indeed I had before spoke upon the same subject to Mr. Liston who very cheerfully consented & earnestly press'd me to act as one of the Trustees which at that Time I declin'd but now for your sake & the sake of some friends in Lancaster, I will put myself to the trouble of labouring to see to the bottom of these affairs—one condition demanded by Mr. Rutledge was that upon a surrender of the Books & all the right Credits & Estate of M. L. & H. final acquittances should be given to the two latter—to this I demurr'd as the deficiency is like to be too considerable to warrant a precipitate step of that importance & offer'd to amend the proposition by adding that if my Constituents would not accede thereto such payments as might come to my hands in the meantime should be return'd for the benefit of other Creditors & they (my constituents) remain in statu quo—which was adopted by other Creditors & approved of by Mr. Rutledge—but I believe they will drop that Condition & not insist upon discharges, it is almost a matter of Moonshine whether they do or not—very little is to be expected hereafter from those

two persons, however, it will be necessary for you to instruct me explicitly on this head—meantime, I shall do all in my power to beat them out of their plan for obtaining discharges for 20/ when probably they may pay but two—and you may depend upon me, Sir, to do everything in my power to gather as much for you from this Shipwreck as shall be cast on Shoar & become your quota upon an equitable division.

Bootless it would be for me to enter upon a disquisition of the sundry preferences given by Mr. Liston, they are given & can never be recalled. M^r. Henry Middleton was pleased to appeal to me upon the justice & propriety of that measure, informing me that it was done only in such cases, as were preceded by numberless former practices, Viz^t. for money advanced to take up non-accepted bills, from whence, by all the saving of exaggerated charges of Re-exchange & high Interest, the rest of the Creditors were benefited—if that was truly the case I allow'd that it was not unjust & that the remaining Creditors certainly were not left upon a worse footing than they would, otherwise have been upon a supposition that the Bills had been immediately sent back & received here with all the charges attending them—as to precedent there are not wanted such in many instances—but not every one that can be justified—however, when I came to look over the Account of Messrs. Udney, James & Co., I perceiv'd that it was a mere Account—& very different from M^r. Henry Middleton's idea of it—they sold large Cargoes for the House drew large Commissions, & for such Bills as they gave sanction to, they charged 2½ pC^t. Commission "*per agreement.*" besides Interest—'tis not improbable that your Account is composed of articles not more pecuniary or selfish—but I have said enough & shall leave the Subject at this point.

Whatever orders for shipping Rice you shall be pleased to give me you may be assured shall be executed by me, or by a better hand with the utmost faith & punctuality. Our Crops of Rice have suffer'd a little by some late Rains, but the whole produce will nevertheless be very great—Crops of Indigo are not so large as in former Years, less Seed has been put into the Ground, & the Seasons have not been very favourable.

I remain, &c.

P. S. While I was drawing to a close of the above Letter¹⁶ it came into my Mind to search the Secretary's office for Mr. Thomas Middleton's Will & an Inventory of his Estate I found them, & here inclose you a copy of them—if I was surprized before how must that surprize have been increased when I discover'd that the whole amount of his personal Estate was no more than £32827-15/ Currency—to which add the supposed value of his Lands, and the aggregate will fall a good deal short of £70,000—besides the difficulty of coming at such real Estate—but for aught I know his Lands may be worth a great deal more, or they may all be encumber'd—this I shall also search into more narrowly & inform you of any discoveries that may be made—for I am truly sorry for you—6th October—if a Chancery Suit should be thought needful for further scrutiny particular instructions should be given, and several Creditors should join therein.

7th October. Mess^{rs}. L. & Hope have surrendered themselves & gone to Jail¹⁷—& their special Bail discharged this night.

HENRY LAURENS TO GOVERNOR JAMES WRIGHT¹⁸

p^r Mr. McGillivray.
Savanna

17th Decem. 1767.

Sir;

I am now to reply to the several important Subjects contain'd in your Excellency's favour of the 5th instant which I had the honour of receiving on the 11th.

It is impossible Sir to recount minutely the conversation that pass'd between Jermyn Wright, Esq^r.¹⁹ & myself on the topic of those Lands purchased by me at the Provost Marshal's²⁰ public Sales, but the following I am sure was the substantial part—that

¹⁶ This thoroughly business like letter shows the qualities which made the reputation of Henry Laurens as a merchant.

¹⁷ Imprisonment for debt remained the law of South Carolina until the Constitution of 1868.

¹⁸ James Wright (1716-1785) was the fourth son of Chief Justice Robert Wright of South Carolina. He was appointed Gov. of Georgia and was a Royalist during the Revolution. He was subsequently created a Baronet.

¹⁹ Jermyn Wright was a brother of Governor Wright.

²⁰ At that time the Provost Marshal was the Sheriff and executive officer of all the Courts of the Province.

upon receiving sufficient Titles with a plat annexed for the Tract of 2000 Acres & an indempnification against all other claims, I should be ready to pay up the balance of £8000, & to relinquish all pretensions to the other tracts purchased at the later Sales.

Now concerning such indempnification to make up the sufficiency of the Titles, I do not recollect M^r. Wright's answer but know that he made no objection to that demand & promised to join with his brother Charles in the Titles or by any other Means to secure me in the possession of that Tract—I think the demand a reasonable one & therefore hope that those gentlemen will comply with it in the best manner in their power; but as your Excellency is so good as to continue to interpose your kind offices upon this occasion I shall beg Leave to submit the final Liquidation of that bargain in the terms form & order to your opinion & determination, after the General & particular Plats spoken of in your Excellency's Letter shall be made, & shall rest myself contented to be govern'd thereby.

And with respect to the other Two Tracts I own to your Excellency that even if I was to suffer some loss in the first purchase I would not attempt a reprisal upon them. I have already told my Motives for bidding for those two Tracts & I shall & do now without apprehension of being premature, disclaim all right to them, in full confidence that the Title deeds for the 2000 Acre Tract will be speedily perfected in such Manner as your Excellency shall think unexceptionable, or that the money which I have already advanced or engaged for, under that purchase shall be repaid or secured to me.

I cannot say that the sum advanced or paid for—or Mess^r. Wright is exactly as you have set it down—I am writing this a little before day-light in hopes of saving the opportunity of M^r. McGillivray's²¹ return, & cannot conveniently go into my Compting House but believe it is thereabout & every article of Charge in my account must be supported by a Voucher, which will cut off all objections. I do indeed propose to ask the Gentlemen an abatement for the divers charges that I have been put to about that Land, but that must and will depend wholly upon their Liberality to grant or re-

²¹ Lachlan McGillivray was a Scotchman, and an Indian Trader. He married a half breed woman of the Creek nation, and was the father of Alexander McGillivray, who became chief of the Creek nation and whose romantic history and later dealings with the United States are well known.

fuse—I have Negroes ready to begin a Plantation upon that Land, & therefore the sooner it is put into my possession the sooner I shall be enabled to recover such losses as have attended the past delay. I beg your Excellency will not believe that I presume to impute such losses or delay in the smallest degree to you.

Coll^o. Rutherford's disappointment has lost to me three last weeks of November & beginning of this month allotted for a journey to the Southward as well as deprived me of the Honour of waiting upon your Excellency's assistance to make the Navigation in small vessels to the Southern ports & Inlets of Georgia less burthensome & expensive than it hath been of late, but as the American Commissioners of Customs²² are actually arrived on this side & have probably entered upon the Execution of their Office, I shall take it for granted that they will as soon as they shall be properly informed of the want of Officers, appoint sufficient number to act by themselves or their Lawful Deputies at every considerable Port & Inlet upon the Continent. Frederica was once a Port of Entry & it is not to be doubted that that Honourable Board will revive Officers upon the first application to reside there or near that place to Enter & Clear such Vessels as shall go into Sapelo & St. Simon's or Jekyl Inlets, in the meantime I shall patiently wait under the disadvantages that may attend my own particular affairs in that quarter, & give your Excellency no further trouble on that head, but pass on to the most weighty concern that is at present before me, I mean the care & charge of your Excellency's Son, Mr. Alexander Wright,²³ a trust that appears to me to be one of the greatest that ever I engaged in & which affects me the most. Nevertheless since it is your Excellency's desire & consistent also with the young Gentleman's own inclinations I shall not be afraid to undertake it—being determined that nothing shall be wanting on my part to the utmost of my abilities to make his time as easy & agreeable to him as can be expected in the drudgery of Trade as well as to qualify him for the execution & direction of business in a Counting House—One difficulty remains & which should not be passed over without

²² These Commissioners were Henry Hulton, William Burch and Charles Paxton and they arrived at Boston Oct. 5, 1767. (S. C. Gazette Nov. 30, 1767)

²³ Alexander Wright afterwards married Elizabeth Izard, the daughter and heiress of John Izard (this mag., vol. 27, p. 110)

notice—I have a great desire to go to England next May or June in order to transact some business of consequence in my mercantile affairs, & also to see my eldest Son placed at School & if my several avocations here shall not forbid (which I rather think they will) I shall go—such a step may throw Mr. Wright out of a regular track of business & at a time too when he ought by the closest attention to be kept in it. But if your Excellency should think proper to risque that circumstance you may depend upon my utmost endeavour to dispose of him in such a manner as to prevent any loss of time to him in case of my absence.

And upon a supposition of my continuing in America I shall be well pleased that he would remain with me in an undertermined state for twelve months & after that as much longer as shall be pleasant to himself & consistent with your Excellency's views on his Account. I am at a loss what to say about his lodging—several objections might be started against the distance between this & Mr. Lambton's²⁴ Rainy mornings, Cold & Rainy Evenings &c—on the other Hand, to be wholly confined to my House might prove too great a restraint upon him—that relaxation and variety which he must experience from being, if only an hour each Evening & one day in each week with such Friends & other casual company must be desirable, & I shall hope from his prudence, advantageous to him, & in case of sickness that situation must be most satisfactory to all parties—to diet at my House will be a great convenience to Mr. Wright & hope he will also find it agreeable to him. Your Excellency has done me justice by informing him previous to his entrance, of my strictness towards young men, & my expectations of real application to business on their part, he will therefore be the less in danger of mortification from my accustomed discipline. But please to be assured, Sir, that he shall never have cause to complain of undue severity or unnecessary confinement—If he is heartily disposed to go through business & is capable of bearing a little fatigue he shall not be kept idle—& if he only fails in bodily strength, I shall put him in the way to be instructed without much toil to it. Having from what is offer'd above laid myself open to

²⁴ Richard Lambton married the widow Walters, died in 1768 (probably a relation of the Wright family) and was of the family of John George Lambton, created Earl of Durham. A piece of silver is now owned in Charleston which bears the Lambton Arms impaling those of Chief Justice Wright.

your Excellency's Commands I shall wait for them, & upon a few days previous notice, a desk shall be provided for the young Gentleman's reception. But one thing more I shall beg Leave to say in order to prevent a minute's suspense to your Excellency. You were pleased to ask me formerly some questions relative to a prentice fee & to the best of my remembrance I declined taking any gratuity of that sort, & I continue in the same opinion & resolution to accept of none—having no other views in taking upon me this charge than the good of your Son & the honour of being serviceable to a Gentleman of your Excellency's Rank & Merit—at the same time there is no objection with me to such reasonable annual allowance for M^r. Alexander's diet &c. as shall be agreed upon between M^r. Lambton or any other of your Excellency's friends & me, being persuaded that to make such allowance will be more agreeable to you than to have your Son upon any other footing.

I do not recollect anything further to add ' & therefore shall only trouble your Excellency with the repeated assurance of being with great regard & esteem,

Sir, &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO JOHN PAGAN, ALEXANDER BROWN
& CO.

P. Cap^t. Lowley. Owners of the Ship Pearle
Glasgow.

17th Decem. 1767

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to refer to what I wrote you under the 7th and 10th ins^t. P^r. Jordan & Higgins for London.

I have at this Time Indented or agreed to Indent seventeen of the Pearle's Servant Passengers at £10 Sterling each & have obtained an Order upon the Publick Treasurer for the Bounty of forty six of them at £4 Sterling each—four of the Gentry from the wrong Island declare themselves Catholicks²⁵ & therefore are not entitled to Bounty—and it is through some favour that I have obtained it for the 46—upon my entering into Stipulation to pro-

²⁵ During the whole colonial period there was toleration for all religions in South Carolina "except Papists." In 1768 all distinction between creeds was abolished so far as the laws of the State were concerned.

duce within 18 Months testimonials from the Officers of the Parishes whence they came that they are Protestants—upon which Subject I shall write you more fully in a few days.

I have this day advised Cap^t. Buchannan to begin to unload his Coals in a Lighter or Flat as the Ship lays in the stream for Security of the Servants, & as soon as she is ready I shall put Rice on Board & by such means loose no time or as little as possible.

I have only procured a promise for 200 Barrels of Rice yet upon Freight at 50/ for Lisbon, people are not inclined to engage Freight before they have secured the Rice for selling it—and our Planters since the Price fell to 50/p^r cent send down their Crops very slowly, hoping thereby to pinch the early Ships & raise the Price again; their Success or disappointment will depend wholly upon the Number of Ships that shall arrive from this Time to the end of Christmas holy-days—unless we shall hear in the meantime that that grain is continued exempt from the former high Duty—such news may make an amazing alteration in the Price—in all events I shall lay by some hundred or two Barrels, for you & in every other Respect be watchful for your Interest to the best of my abilities, who am with great respect,

Gentlemen, .
&c.

HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM PENN

Pr. Cap^t. Doran St. Augustine.
24th Decem. 1767.

Sir:

I wrote to you the 14th Instant advising that M^r. Rolle had paid me for the Hogsd's of Rum pr. Harris which anticipates your caution in your Favor of the 10th Pr Doran.

M^r. Rolle has left me a general Power of Attorney to act in any of his East Floridan Concerns & desired me to purchase some Negroes on his account for S^t. John's which I shall endeavour to do, & as it appears to be his Intention that his Plantation shall be kept up, I shall send you any things needful for that Purpose, provided you have his orders or a Power to apply to me; as to the terms & time of Payment, both must be as shall happen upon each occasion; as I keep no store of Goods & have only now & then a

few Hogsds of Rum or Sugar the Returns of Vessels that I am concerned in, 19 articles in 20—what I have sent to M^r. Rolle formerly & shall send to you on his account hereafter, were probably & will be purchas'd of our People, & as I have never received any Commissions from him I always wish'd, tho it did not always happen so to have my Accounts balanced immediately, but in future I shall charge the usual Commission for I find that upon any former transactions besides much trouble attending such—I have really been a loser & I gave M^r. Rolle to understand so when he was settling his last Account with me—the Mode of his Draughts render them unsaleable without Discount or Long Credit they are not upon a Par with other Bills payable in London, I have been oblig'd to beg people to take them from me in payment for account not due.

The method of doing business here is to load or ship Goods & for the amount of Cost & Charges to draw as soon as the Bills of Lading are sign'd upon some Person in England at 30 to 40 days payable in London—what I have done for M^r. Rolle has been upon other Terms, but contrary to my expectation I have rather been a Looser by it—nevertheless I shall continue my Endeavours to serve him in all his future Commands or yours on his Account. I remain, &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO CAP^t. HENRY GUNN OF THE SHIP HEART OF
OAK

Now bound to
London

7th Febr^y. 1769

Sir:

Inclosed you will find an Invoice & Bill of Loading together with two Bounty Certificates for 205 Barrels of Pitch & 303 Barrels of Green Tar Ship'd on board the Heart of Oak on my Account consigned to yourself, which you will dispose of in London upon the best terms you can obtain & recover the Bounty on both articles, & remit the whole net proceed when in Cash to the order of Mess^{rs}. William Cowles & Co. as formerly.

I wish you a good Voyage & remain &c.

HENRY LAURENS TO REYNOLDS GETTY & C^o.

Bristol

7th February, 1769.

Gent:

The 2^d. Instant I wrote to you pr Denniston & Arnott—Capt. Hawkins has now near 400 barrels of Rice on board the Reynolds—and will be fully loaden this week if he can keep his people from the Horse Races,²⁶ a diversion which is carried on rather too near Town.

I have passed a Bill on you this Day at Thirty days sight payable in London to the Honorable & Reverend Robert Cholmondeley for one hundred pounds Sterling to the credit of your account £700 Sterling.

I remain with great respect, &c.

Gentlemen

HENRY LAURENS TO ROSS & MILL

London.

7th February, 1769.

Gentlemen—

Please to receive inclosed under this cover an Invoice & Bill of Lading for 36 Barrels of Rice & four Casks of Indigo consigned to you by this Ship the Heart of Oak Cap^t. Gunn together with a Certificate of the growth of said Indigo by virtue of which you may recover the Bounty if you shall think it most for my Interest to do so, the Sale of these articles is committed entirely to you as to time & terms—as to the quality of the Indigo I shall only say that M^r. A. Rose offer'd me 35/⁷/₉lb. for the whole—Lindo offer'd 40/ & that it is very light; the packages containing 871^{lb} if no error in weight would contain 1150^{lb} of Copper Indigo.²⁷

I passed a Bill on you the 30th. ult^o. to the order of Mess^{rs} William Glen & Son for Forty three Pounds Sterling which Bill is gone byway of Philadelphia & therefore may not appear for some time. I have shewn Cap^t. Pearson my regard to your recommen-

²⁶ The "New Market" course, where races then took place, was between Meeting and King Streets above Line Street where the "Blake Tract" lay. (History of the Turf in South Carolina, page 34.)

²⁷ This refers to the color of Indigo rendering it of good quality.

dation by helping him out with a little freight of my own Rice at a time when the price here seems to be the best of all the Markets we know of—but his main dependance here having failed him he was really in distress.

I think it best to return Coll^o. Taylor's protested Bill to you again & therefore here inclose it; for after some inquiry about him I was lately informed that he had left America some time since & that he lives in St. James' place Westminster. I request your endeavours to find him & recover the Amount of his Bill £148-19/ Sterling together with all the charges due thereon—I retain the protest presuming that you may if needful always have a Copy from the Notary's Record, the Coll^o. did not use my friend who took that Bill on my Account, generously he made some discount of 3 pc^t. upon the presumption that Exchange was 721 pc^t. here—which was a Loss of so much to me—I have therefore an additional reason for claiming all that is now due to me—I am just returned from the Country and find Cap^t. Gunn upon the point of departure which has occasioned my omitting to acknowledge the Rec^t. of several late short Letters from you & to write briefly as I have done above but I shall soon write again & answer if anything in your said favours require a particular reply mean time

I remain &c.

(To be Continued)

GARTH CORRESPONDENCE

Annotated by JOSEPH W. BARNWELL

In Volume 26, at page 67, of this MAGAZINE is published a brief sketch of Hon. Charles Garth, M. P., agent for the Province of South Carolina in England, with a list of the agents of the Colony who had preceded him. He was the last agent employed.

An interesting letter from him to the Committee of Correspondence in Charleston was also then published, giving a full account of the proceedings and debate in Parliament upon the repeal of the "Stamp Act." The text of that letter was obtained from a copy found among the papers of Henry Laurens, in the possession of the Historical Society.

Since then a volume of the correspondence of Garth has been found, as stated in our issue of April 1927 (p. 80). The correspondence concerning the Pitt Statue was published from that source.

We now purpose publishing all of the other letters copied in the volume, extending from 1766, to 1775 and covering 199 pages. The correspondence concerns almost every matter which touched the welfare of the Province during that period.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE TO CHARLES GARTH

Charlestown South Carolina 2. July 1766.

(Original pr the Ship Adventure Cap^t. Edwards and Duplicate
pr His Majesty's Ship Tryal Cap^t. Wallace)

Sir.

Since our last of the 13th May. We have been favoured with your's of the 12th. 18th. & 25th. March, the second informing us of, and the last transmitting the Repeal of the Stamp Act. We need not acquaint you with what universal joy and Satisfaction this news was received here by all the sincere lovers of the present Family on the Throne, and the true Constitutional Friends of Great Britain and America, and what made the repeal of the Act to us, if Possible still more pleasing was the arrival of it on His Majesty's Birth Day¹ accompany'd too with the Welcome news that Lord Charles

¹ The birth day of George III was June 4th, and it was generally celebrated throughout the English Dominions.

Montagu was actually on his passage and might be daily expected to succeed Mr. Boone in this Government, so that nothing was wanting to make that happy Anniversary compleatly joyous, this lucky co-incidence seeming auspiciously to promise us a permanent duration to that tranquility and satisfaction which then began to be restor'd to, and we hope will for the future be uninterruptedly enjoyed by the Province.

(Immediately after receiving the Repeal of the Stamp Act, the House Unanimously Resolved that a Dutiful and Loyal Address of Thanks be presented to His Most Gracious Majesty on that Occasion, and a few days after as Unanimously Order'd the Speaker to write to you to wait upon His Majesty's Ministers of State and such of the members of both Houses of Parliam^t. as have generously distinguished themselves in procuring the repeal thereof, with the Thanks of this House.—Inclosed is Mr. Speaker's Letter on this matter covering also the Address to His Majesty agreed to by the House and Order'd to be transmitted to him by you.—We also think ourselves exceedingly obliged to the London Committee and the several Corporations, Merchants² &c^a. that exerted themselves upon this trying Occasion, and desire you will make known to them the grateful sense we retain of the important services they have thereby done to America in General.—)

His Excellency Lord Charles Montagu arrived the 12th. and was received with every Mark of respect and Distinction that the province was capable of shewing, The Assembly were then setting; a few days after his arrival he acquainted them, by Message, of His Majesty's recommendation to provide the usual Sum for Mr. Boone, that had been granted to other Governors, and had been only stopt from him on account of his Unconstitutional Behaviour; This was agreed to by the House (as you will perceive from the Inclosed extracts of their Journals) merely in Compliance with His Majesty's Requisition and to shew the grateful sense the House entertain of the many favours His Majesty has conferred on this province.—The recommendation of the Lords of Trade in behalf of Mr. Wyly for running the Catawba Line³ by order of the

² These merchants actually sent over the news of the repeal of the Stamp Act to Charleston by a special ship, which, however, was wrecked on our coast (this mag, vol. 26, page 92).

³ The reference here is to the lands of the Catawba Indians some of whom still survive.

Governors when met in Congress at Augusta, the House have accordingly provided for, Tho' the late Ministry, as we are informed, have taken the whole Credit of the Expence attending that Congress upon themselves, and the last Assembly were of Opinion the Province had nothing to do with it, especially as a sum more than equal to that expence and provided for that Service appeared to them to be then in the hands of the Super-intendent of Indian Affairs.—We have no doubt you'll make a proper use upon Occasion of these ready Compliances to the—Recommendations of the present Ministry⁴ of whom the House have the highest Opinion and wish by all means that their hands may be strengthen'd and their truly Patriotic influence increased.—We cannot but look upon them as real Friends to the Liberties and United Interest of Great Britain and her Colonies, they have shewn, they have prov'd themselves such, and the Parliament also appears particularly attentive at this time to American concerns it would therefore be highly imprudent to let slip so rare and favourable an Opportunity of laying such important matters before them relative to this Province as we have long wish'd to have put on a just and proper footing: With this view the House Ordered a Committee to lay before them the State of the Province, whose Report as agreed to by the House we herewith transmit you by their Order,⁵ several of the matters contained therein you have been long since apprais'd of and desired to Solicit, to which Letters we refer you. Others are new, particularly the incompatibility of some of the Offices held by Mr. Leigh and Mr. Skottowe⁶ Members of His Majesty's Council, which is so striking that it cannot escape your notice.—The unconstitutional appointment of our Judges during pleasure must be very galling to us Americans, particularly so, when we find ourselves partially and undeservedly distinguished from our happier fellow Subjects, in this respect, residing in Great

⁴ The Rockingham administration was still in office, but in August 1766 was succeeded by that of Lord Chatham and the Duke of Grafton, much less friendly to America.

⁵ This report has not so far been found.

⁶ Thomas Skottowe (will filed in London, 1788) was Secretary of the Province, Clerk of Council, and of the Commons House of Assembly, and member of the Provincial Council. Sir Egerton Leigh (1733–1781) was Attorney General, Surveyor General, Judge of the Admiralty Court, and member of the Provincial Council.

Britain; the many hardships and Oppressions this may be productive of are also very Obvious.—

The proposals &c^a. of the Committee of West India and North America Merchants together with your propositions of Alterations &c^a., we in general highly approve of and heartily wish success to.—but we cannot see any reason why ships from America loaded with Rice⁷ should not be excepted from touching at any Ports of England in their Passages from and to America, to or from any Ports North of Cape Finisterre as well as those loaded with Corn, and even as well as the Fish Ships upon *their return* to America; We point out this matter to you as deserving your particular attention and hope you will Endeavour to obtain this advantage for us if possible as we are sure our pretensions to it are as just and reasonable as those of the Corn Shippers from the Northern Colonies and altogether liable only to the objection common to both, that perhaps of diminishing the Commissions of the British Merchants, which will be amply compensated to the Nation in General by the great increase in the demand for her Manufactures.—We are also of Opinion that the free importation of all American produce in any Bottoms merely as articles of Commerce would be full as beneficial to Great Britain as to America, nor would we be desirous of anything to the Prejudice of the Mother Country.—

Yesterday after Ratifying the Tax Bill, the House Adjourned to the second Tuesday in November.—In the Schedule your Salary and Disbursements &c^a—are provided for, as also Two Hundred pounds Sterling as Especial Agent upon the late Occasion, this sum together with One thous^a. pounds Sterling likewise provided towards Mr. Pitt's Statue the House have Ordered the Treasurer to remit you as soon as possible.—

Your Services to the Province and Attention to its Interest, the House have the highest Opinion of, and as to the matters now recommended, the particular and *most* reasonable Opportunities of Soliciting them whether all together, or separately, as you are on the spot, you doubtless must be the best Judge of, and therefore

⁷ Under the English Navigation Acts ships from the Colonies were required to stop at a port in England before they could take cargoes to foreign ports. Exceptions were made and rice had been excepted from this rule only in case of a shipment to ports south of Cape Finisterre in Spain. The object of the Committee was to do away with this restriction upon cargoes of rice. Shippers of "enumerated" articles had to give bond in double the value that they would be landed in Great Britain or some of the British plantations.

we leave that to your Descretion, being very sure that nothing in your power will be omitted to Answer the Expectations of the House.—

We are. Sir

With great Esteem.

Christopher Gadsden

Your most hum^b. Servants

John Rutledge

Peter Manigault. Speak^r.

Benjamin Dart

Isaac Mazyck

William Roper

James Parsons

Miles Brewton

To Hon Charles Garth Esq.

Daniel Doyley

LETTER FROM CHARLES GARTH ESQUIRE, AGENT FOR THIS PROVINCE
IN GREAT BRITAIN, RECEIVED PER THE PORTLAND,
CAP^t. HIGGINS

London, June 6th. 1766.

Gentlemen.

In my last I gave you reason to expect some further Intelligence of the Proceedings of the Legislature of Great Britain in relation to the Trade of her Colonies; owing to the great variety of business—which has been in agitation since I wrote last, nothing was finally settled in the House of Commons till last week; a Bill, for opening and establishing free ports in the Isles of Dominica and Jamaica under certain Restrictions and Limitations, passed the Commons on the 28th of May, and upon the 30th. a Bill, for repealing certain Duties in the British Colonies granted by several Acts of Parliament and for granting other Duties instead thereof, as also on the same day a Bill to indemnify persons who may have incurred penalties or Forfeitures under the late Stamp Act, and for making good and valid all Writings &c. declared null and void by that Act: In the Course of this week these Bills have severally been passed by the Lords, and this Day received the Royal Assent. I beg leave to Congratulate you upon these Measures, altho' I confess I could have wished to have had the second Bill upon a different Plan in many points, that would in my mind have been more advantageous to North America, and equally beneficial to Great Britain, tho' perhaps *prima Facie* the British Merchant might have thought not so much for his immediate Interest: If it

was true that our own Sugar Colonies could not meet the French Sugars at foreign European Markets because of the Expence of landing Warehouse and Commissions &c°. in Great Britain, I can hardly persuade myself that the foreign Sugars by the way of N°. America can be carried to those Markets under the Limitations and Restrictions in this Bill, so as to meet the foreign Sugars carried by Foreigners; and if this shall prove to be the Case in Fact, it will scarce become an Article of Commerce, that then neither Great Britain nor America will be much benefited thereby; The Answer given me, is that the N°. American will receive such advantage from the Traffick that is open'd and given to him by these measures, with the opportunity of back carriage from the Islands, that he will be enabled thereby with great ease to comply with the Limitations; whether indeed this will be so, I don't now know, but this I know, that I shall be more obliged to Time than the Solidity of the Argument for an alteration in my opinion.—

The Duties payable upon Importation into N°. America by the Act of 1764. are in several articles varied; I carried with me to the Committee a Clause for Indulgence in point of time or abatement in Case of prompt Payment, agreeable to like Indulgences given by several Acts to the Merchants here, but the Treasury Bench would not admit it, as there would remain after passing of this Bill but very few Articles upon which Duties are payable upon Importation into America;³ The Alteration in payment of some of the Duties, by being made payable here before the Goods are exported, is doubtless a Relief to the American Merchant, as it does not call upon him for so much Specie upon every occasion, but I take it in this way he does in the end not only pay the Duty itself but an Interest and Commission likewise thereon to the British Merchant.)

You will observe in that Clause of the Bill which relates to Disputes that may arise between the Officers of the Customs and others, that the Legislature has not pursued the Plan adopted in the 19th. of the late King, or in the 4th. of His present Majesty, which seem rather tending to encourage Officers in a wanton Exercise of the Power and Authority given them.

³ It is an evidence of Mr. Garth's knowledge of Colonial practice that he anticipated the working of this new regulation as to the prepayment of duties on imports.

I wish'd to have got a Clause⁹ inserted for regulation of your coasting vessels, agreeable to M^r. Bull's Suggestion, (and upon which I attended at the Boards of Trade, and Treasury) I drew up a Clause for that purpose, a Copy of which I enclose, but the Treasury were against it, the Board of Customs to whom they had referred my Papers, not having made any Report upon the Subject, and therefore the Chancellor of the Exchequer desired me to postpone it until the next sessions; before that time I may have your Sentiment there on as likewise on the Clause itself whether such as you approve.—

The Bill of Indemnity is a very proper Bill, but as brought into the House by Administration and Read twice, I was most strongly against it,¹⁰ the Indemnification then being upon the Condition of Payment of certain Sums of Money, viz^a. such first Duties as would have been due in Case Stamps had been affixed as the Act directed; but the Ministry have at length consented to an Alteration in this particular, and it has passed a general Act of Indemnity against Penalties and Forfeitures that might have been incurred under the Stamp Act and to make good and valid all writings &c^e. upon unstamped Paper, without any Condition at all.

The present system of Regulation touching the Paper Currency of N^o. America, you already know my mind upon, that I need not say, appeared to me as much as any thing to stand in need of a Reconsideration, but Administration has declined it for this Year, and therefore put the previous Question to a Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for repealing the Act of the 6th. of Anne, 24th George 2^d. and 4th. of the present King, relating to foreign Coins and Paper Bills of Credit in America and for establishing &c^e. as you will observe in the Votes of the 14th. of May, sent ¶ Cap^t. Reeve; they have given us to understand that this Subject shall during the Prorogation be taken into Consideration in order that some general and beneficial Plan for the whole Continent of America may be proposed in the next Sessions to the Attention of the Legislature.

⁹ It will be seen hereafter in the course of the publication of the Laurens correspondence that a serious dispute arose between Laurens and the Customs Officers with regard to duties to be paid by small vessels in the Coastal trade destined to a port in the same Colony as the port of landing.

¹⁰ The words of the Indemnity Bill as proposed would have raised the question of payment for stamps under the Stamp Act, since it required that payment should be made for stamps which should have been used, before indemnity could be claimed under the act.

(I believe I have now mentioned almost everything that has been either done or thought of in Relation to the Colonies since I wrote my last Letter; upon the whole, I hope, we shall have given Satisfaction by the Acts of this Sessions, a more fatiguing one, I imagine, was scarce ever known; from the multiplicity of business of the first Importance in itself as well as to the Peace and Happiness of the Kingdom and its Dominions, and from the strong Contests from Difference of Opinions, the Session has been protracted much longer than could be expected, and for great part thereof we almost, as it is said, turned Night into Day, the Day, it should seem, not being sufficiently long for the Transaction of the Business in Agitation:— that I have given my best Attention, Time, and Endeavours, I believe, I need not to inform you, who know I have nothing more at Heart than to promote upon all Occasions to the utmost of my Power and Abilities the united Interest and Happiness of the Mother Country and her Colonies.)

I forgot to Mention in my last Letter that I had entered a Caveat immediately upon the Receipt of your last Favour to prevent the Royal Confirmation to the Act which had passed the Legislature of Georgia,¹¹ in Relation to the Grantees of Lands upon the Altamaha; I have heard nothing since from the Plantation Office, and incline to think that Act will rest there without any farther attention. The Lords of Trade will have enough upon their Hands if the Affairs of America are to be carried to that Office and not to the Secretary of State's, it being reported that the Duke of Richmond (who succeeds M^r. Conway in the Southern Department, M^r. Conway being removed to the Northern vacated by the Resignation of the Duke of Grafton) declines concerning himself with the affairs of America.

(Before I finish this Epistle, I must take the Liberty of reminding you how very late it was before I received your Instructions for this Year, and as I know how little Time the Ministry and People in high Office have to attend to Propositions that shall be carried to them after the Parliament has met and is assembled, I beg the favour of you to transmit me such Commands and Instructions as you may have to furnish me for the next sessions if possible by

¹¹ This refers to grants of the Governor of South Carolina south of the Altamaha which it was claimed by him were not covered by the charter given to Georgia at the time of its settlement by Oglethorpe.

November, at least as early as may be in your power, that your Business may be duly and properly attended to, I shall Conclude to subscribe myself as.

I am
with Great Respect and Regard—Gentlemen
Your very faithful, & most Ob^t. Hum^b. Servant
Charles Garth—

CLAUSE PROPOSED FOR THE REGULATION OF COASTING
SCHOONERS

AND WHEREAS in His Majesty's Colonies in America, great Quantity's of Goods and Merchandise are transported in small decked Vessels or Schooners from one Port or part to another part or Port of the same Colony, and for which Bonds have of late been required to be given and Coquet¹² taken out, in like manner as if such Vessels or Schooners had been destined for other Ports or places not within such Colony, to the great Expence and Trouble of His Majesty's Subjects in his Colonies for the Ease therefore of His Majesty's said Subjects in this Particular, *Be it Enacted* by the authority aforesaid, that from and after no Person or Persons shall be obliged to give Bond, (other than as herein-after directed) or to take out any Coquet or Sufferance for any Goods or Merchandise which shall be laden in any Decked Vessel or Schooner not exceeding Tons Burthen, which are to be carried Coastwise or within any River, Lake or other enclosed Waters to some other Port or place within the same Colony where the said Goods shall be laden, but that from and after the Owner or Owners of every such Decked Vessel or Schooner capable of carrying Tons, or some responsible Person in his, her or their Behalf shall be obliged, and he, she, and they are hereby required to give Bond in the penalty of to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at some Port of Entry within such Colony for every such Decked Vessel or Schooner as aforesaid. *The Condition* of which shall be that his, her, or their respective Vessel or Vessels, Schooner or Schooners as aforesaid shall not depart the Colony at any Time within One Year

¹² Coquet or "cocket"—Customs duty, or certificate of the Customs Officer that the merchandise had been entered and duty paid.

from the Day of the Date of the Obligation in order to proceed or go to any Place or Port out of the same without first Clearing at the proper and accustomed Offices at some port of Entry within the same and in the usual Manner, which Bond the said Collector shall and is hereby required to take without Fee or Reward, and to give to such Owner or Owners or other persons aforesaid entering into such Bond Certificates thereof, and for each of such Certificates the said Collector shall be paid and no more for his Trouble and pains in this particular.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from and after no such Decked Vessel or Schooner as aforesaid, having such Certificate on board shall be subject or liable to any lett Molestation, or Seizure of or from any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs or acting under any Authority from the Commissioners of the Customs, further than shall be necessary for such Officer or Officers to have Inspection of the said Certificate, and which the Owner or Owners or other person in his, her, or their Behalf having the Care of such Vessels or Schooner, is and are hereby required to produce to any Officer demanding Inspection or sight thereof, and in Case of refusal to such demand made the Vessel or Schooner shall be deemed to be without and as having no Certificate on Board.—

(To be Continued)

MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE CITY GAZETTE

Copied by JEANNIE HEYWARD REGISTER

Continued from July

Died, on the 28th of January last, at Pendleton district, Mr. Peter Engwin, a native of France, but a resident in this State of forty years.

Died, on the 24th of January last, Mr. John M'Farlane, plasterer, a native of North Britain. (Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1805)

Married, on Monday evening last, by the Rev. Doctor Hollingshead, Morton A. Waring, esq. to Miss Rebecca Hamilton, daughter of his Excellency, the Governor. (Thursday, Feb. 14, 1805)

Died lately, in the upper part of Abbeville district Mrs. Margaret Dickson, aged nearly one hundred and four years; she was among the number of the first settlers of that part of the state—she had enjoyed good health the greater part of her life, and was able, until her last illness, in moderate weather, to attend worship in the meeting house to which she belonged, which was nearly three miles distant. (Friday Feb. 15, 1805)

Died, on the 14th instant, Mr. William Mason, in the 36th year of his age. He was a native of Salem, Massachusetts, and for the last fifteen years a resident in this city, and eminently distinguished as an instructor of youth.

Died, at Wambaw, on the 11th instant, in the 57th year of his age, Mr. John Burford Halsall, much regretted by his friends and acquaintances. (Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1805)

Married, on Wednesday evening, the 20th instant, by the Rev. Dr. Hollinshead, Mr. James Freeman, of Wadmaw Island, to Mrs. Rachel E. Ravell, of this city, relict of the late Mr. John Ravell, deceased. (Friday, Feb. 22, 1805)

Died, near Fincastle, (V) William Dunkin, at the advanced age of 124 years, possessed of all his mental faculties. (February, 26, 1805)

Died, on Saturday the 23d instant, at the plantation of Johnson Hagood, esq. Parker's Ferry, of inflammatory sore throat, Mr.

Gates O'Hear, eldest son of Mr. James O'Hear of this city. If a consciousness of not having wilfully err'd from that virtuous course of life dictated to us, can assure a safe and pleasant retreat after our earthly career, this gentleman's claims were great—an uniform serenity of disposition, and mildness of manners, secured to him the regard of all his acquaintances. This is the second instance wherein this family has been thus visited, in the short space of a fortnight—the cheeks of the afflicted parents were still moist with tears, occasioned by the loss of an amiable daughter, aged 14 years, who fell a victim to the same fatal disease on Saturday the 9th instant. (Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1805)

Died, at Spartanburgh district, on the 31st of December last Mr. Charles Moore (the father of General Moore). To suffer the memory of this very worthy old citizen to pass away unnoticed, would not detract from his merits, but would argue supineness and indifference in those to whom he was acquainted. The following attempt to delineate his character is made by one who knew him well; and knowing him, could not but feel for him respect and esteem. (eulogy omitted) (Thursday Feb. 28, 1805)

Died, on Tuesday morning last, in the 39th year of her age, Mrs. Ann Mazyck, wife of Stephen Mazyck, esq. of St. John's Parish. (Friday, March 1, 1805)

Married, on Sunday evening, by the reverend Mr. Levrier, Mr. John Schirer to Miss Eliza Gallagar. (Tuesday March 3, 1805)

Died, on Sunday last, at his house in this city, in the 54th year of his age, Mr. William White, of the house of White, Kershaw & Co. This gentleman was a native of Scotland, and had resided in this city for nearly twenty-five years past. By his assiduity in business, a punctual performance of all his engagements, and the strictest integrity, he accumulated a handsome property, which will now go to some relations in Scotland. As a friend he was greatly respected by a numerous circle of acquaintance, and his memory will be long respected by all who knew him intimately. (Thursday, March 7, 1805)

Married, on the 6th instant, in Prince William's parish, by the rev. Mr. Tison, Mr. Winborn Lawton, of James Island, planter, to Miss Margaret Frampton, daughter of John Frampton, esq. of Beaufort district. (Saturday, March 9, 1805)

Married, on Friday evening last, Mr. J. H. Fasbender, to Miss Margaret M'la Henderson, of Delemhorst, Germany.

Died, on the 4th instant, in St. John's Parish, after a few days illness, Mr. William Sabb, son of Major Morgan Sabb, deceased, aged twenty-five years. (Monday, March, 11 1805)

Married, on Saturday last, by the Rev. Mr. Israel Munds, Mr. John H. Fasbender, to Miss Margareta Magdalena Heinreicus, of Delmenhorst, Germany.

Married, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Mr. John Fulmer, to Miss Ann Arms, of this city. (Tuesday, March 12, 1805)

Died, in this city, on Tuesday last, after a lingering illness, which he bore with fortitude and resignation, Mr. Solomon Harby, a native of England in the 43rd year of his age; as a husband and parent he was tender and affectionate; as a master he was kind and indulgent. He has left a widow and family, and a numerous circle of acquaintances to lament his irreparable loss.

Died, in London (Eng) Miss Catharine Tibbets, aged 96, suddenly, of a broken heart—occasioned by not receiving a prompt return of affection from a young Clerk, on whom she doated. This youthful and tender lady, notwithstanding the rebuff her passion met with, left all her estate, £25,000 to the cold-hearted youth. (Thursday, March 21, 1805)

Married, at Camden, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst. by the Rev. John M. Roberts, Mr. Jonathan Eagles, merchant, to the amiable Miss Catharine Thornton. (Wednesday, March 13, 1805)

Married, on Tuesday, the 12th instant, by the rev. Philip Mathews, Francis Marion Barnett, esq. of St. James' Santee, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Brown, of St. James's, Goose-Creek. (Thursday, March 14, 1805)

Married, on Tuesday last, by the Rev. Israel Munds, Mr. William Lewis, to Mrs. Barbara Amelia Thompson, residing near Jacksonborough, St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Died, in this city, on the 19th inst. after a lingering illness of some months, which he bore with patience, fortitude and resignation, Mr. Conrad Hook, a native of Baltimore, in the 38th year of his age: He has left a widow, two daughters, and a numerous circle of acquaintances to lament the loss of a fond husband, tender father and sincere friend. (Friday, March 22, 1805)

Died, on the morning of the 22nd instant, of a pneumonick complaint, under which he laboured for some time past, Mr. Mathias Woolfe, butcher, in the 66th year of his age. He was meek and patient under his long sufferings, and met his fate with the fortitude of a christian. He was born in the dukedom of Wirtemberg; at an early period in life he left his place of activity, and arrived in Philadelphia, where he resided for a number of years, and from thence he came to this city about thirty years ago, and resided here ever since. From his knowledge of the various parts of this country during our revolutionary war, he rendered very important services in the Commissary General's department, by procuring the most essential supplies for our different armies in the southern department. Much confidence was placed in him during the late war by that great patriot, the late John Rutledge, who was then governor, which confidence he never betrayed. (eulogy omitted). (Tuesday, March 26, 1805)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Hollingshead, Mr. Mathew Miller, to Miss Rose Ann May.

Married, on Sunday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Furman, Doctor S. N. Niderburgh, to Mrs. Mary Reynolds. (Wednesday, March 27, 1805)

Departed this life on the 6th instant, in the 47th year of his age, Colonel W. W. Burrows, a Revolutionary Officer, and late Commandant of the Marine Corps. The most benevolent of men, he had devoted himself to the benefit of his fellow creatures; but that malignant friend Ingratitude was ever his reward. After struggling with severe illness and too feeling a heart, he resigned existence with the celestial calmness of a good man. (Verses omitted) (Thursday, March 28, 1805)

Died in this city on Monday, the 26th instant, of an apoplectic fit, Mr. Leonard Henri Musseault, aged 58 years, formerly a planter of St. Domingo. He was a native of Angers, in France.

Died, on Tuesday night last, Mr. Andrew Dempsey. He was a native of Ireland, and was of a disposition too meek to injure her cause. He was a friendly and good natured man, and died in that faith and trust in God, which, it is hoped, will insure him a happy resurrection. (March 29, 1805)

Died, on the 27th inst. Mr. Samuel Robinson, in the 35th year of his age; he has left a disconsolate father and mother to lament

his loss, who reside at Portland (Mass) He was an honest and upright man. (Saturday, March 30, 1805)

Died, on Sunday morning, Mrs. Frances Rodgamon, in the 70th year of her age: she was a native of Maryland, and 50 years an inhabitant of Carolina. She filled the respective duties of wife, mother, widow, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, mistress, and neighbor in their utmost extent, with the strictest propriety: she was mild, cheerful, candid, discreet, friendly, compassionate, pious and zealous in the duties of religion and virtue, and accordingly retained her habits of industry to the last hour of her life. (Eulogy omitted) (Tuesday, April 2, 1805)

Departed this life on Sunday morning last, after a lingering and painful illness of some months, which he bore with patience, fortitude and resignation, Mr. Henry Calwell, sen. formerly a merchant of this place, in the 76th year of his age, much regretted by his friends and acquaintances. (Wednesday, April 3, 1805)

Departed this life, on Thursday, the 28th of March last, at Ashley River, Mrs. Mary Freazer, relict of John Ladson Freazer, esq. in the 26th year of her age, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with christian fortitude. Her affection for her parent was great indeed; and with truth it might be promulgated "That a father found a parent in his child." As a wife she was tender to an extreme; as a friend, sincere; and as a mistress, humane and indulgent. Her loss to a disconsolate sister and brother is irreparable. (Verses omitted) (Thursday, April 4, 1805)

Married, on Wednesday evening last, by Mr. Solomon Hyams, Mr. Samuel Jacobs to Miss Catharine Hyams, both of this city.

Married, on Thursday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Munds, Capt. Joshua Fisher to Miss Rosanna Fairley.

Married on Thursday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Munds, Mr. James Thompson, to Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, both of this place.

Married on Wednesday evening last, by Mr. E. D. I. Motta, Mr. Aaron Moise, to Miss Phillah Cohen, both of this city.

Died, at his Plantation in St. James's Parish, Santee, on Tuesday, 2nd instant, in the 39th year of his age, Samuel Wigfall, Esq.

Died, at the Euhaw on the 18th of last month, of an inflammatory complaint, the Rev. Aaron Tison, Pastor of the Baptist Church at that place. Mr. Tison possessed from nature strong mental powers; was a forcible, engaging speaker; a man of pure morals and

eminent piety. He cordially loved the pure evangelical doctrines of revelation, which he preached in a zealous and experimental manner. He had been several years pastor of the Baptist Church at Coosawhatchie; from which he was translated to that at the Euhaw, early in the last year. As he had scarcely passed the meridian of life, was pleased with his congregation, and they with him, there was a hopeful prospect of his attaining eminent and long continued usefulness among them; but a sovereign holy Providence has directed otherwise. A bereaved church, five orphan children, and a distressed widow in a state of pregnancy, and in circumstances far from affluent, mingle their tears in the mournful occasion. (Eulogies omitted)

On Wednesday, the 27th ult. departed this life, in the 60th year of his age, Mr. James Mylne, a native of Dundee in Scotland, and has resided in this city forty years. His last illness he bore with fortitude and resignation; he was sensible of his approaching dissolution, and spoke of it with that composure, which could only proceed from the recollection of a well spent life. His temper was mild and even, his mind well improved, and his religious and moral virtues had marked him as an example for his acquaintances. A wife and daughter by this melancholy event, are deprived of a most affectionate husband and tender parent. His mortal part was on Friday conveyed to the place appointed for all living, attended by a number of friends and acquaintances. (Friday, April 5, 1805)

Died, on Sunday evening, the 31st of March, at his house in Ellery Street, Mr. William Brown Fields, in the 32nd year of his age, much regreted by his friends and family; having left a widow and five small children to lament the loss of their only support through life; his remains was, on Monday the 1st of April, interred in the family burial ground, in St. Philip's Church yard, of which Church he was clerk for near six years past.

Married, on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Jenkins, Captain Charles Taylor, of Alexandria, to Miss Sophia George, daughter of Captain James George, of this city. (Friday, April 12, 1805)

Married, on Friday the 29th of March last, by Wilham Neal, esq. Mr. Joseph Blackerby, who is 75 years of age, to Mrs. Sarah Johnston, aged 60, both of Laurens district. (Wednesday, April, 17, 1805)

Died yesterday, much lamented by a numerous acquaintance, Mrs. Wilson, the wife of Leighton Wilson, esq. of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia. (Saturday, Aug. 20, 1805)

Died, on Friday last, the 19th instant, in the 38th year of his age, Mr. Norbert Vinro, a native of Newport (R. I.), but for fifteen years past a resident in this city; he has left a disconsolate widow and five small children to deplore their irreparable loss, and to inherit all the inconveniences entailed on them by the frequent disappointments and misfortunes experienced for many years by a man unsuccessful in business. (Wednesday, April 21, 1805)

Married, on the 10th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Waddell, the Rev. Benjamin R. Montgomery, of Pendleton, to the amiable Miss Eliza Nichols, eldest daughter of Julius Nichols, esq. of Abbeville.

Married, on Thursday, the 14th of March last, by the Rev. Mr. Kelley, Mr. William H. Day, to the amiable and accomplished Miss Polly Izard, both of Laurens district.

Married, at Portsmouth, n. C. the 9th instant, Mr. John Egles-ton, to Miss Sarah Morton, of that place. (Thursday, April 25, 1805)

Married, on Monday last, Mr. Simon Levy, merchant, to the accomplished Miss Eliza Aarons, both of this city.

Died, on the 22nd March last, Miss Maria Joseph Feuveette Verrette, late an inhabitant of the Island of St. Domingo. (Wednesday, May 1, 1805)

Died, on Sunday last, at his Plantation in St. Bartolomew's parish, after a lingering illness, Joseph Whitmarsh Fuller, esq. aged 36 years. (Thursday, May 2, 1805)

Married, on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Munds, Mr. John Boyd to Miss Sarah Legare, both of this city. (Friday, May, 3, 1805)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Doctor Furman, Mr. William Webber, to the amiable and accomplished Miss Martha Shingleton, both of this city.

Married, on Thursday evening, in St. Thomas' Parish, by the Rev. Dr. Hollingshead, Mr. Jonathan Bryan, to Miss Sarah Latham, both of this city. (Saturday, May 4, 1805)

Married, by the Rev. John Atkins, at Batavia on the Congaree, on the 30th of April last, Dr. Fortunatus Bryan, to Miss Elizabeth Goodbee DuPont, daughter of the late Josiah DuPont, esq. (Tuesday, May 7, 1805)

Died, at her house in this city, on Monday morning, the 13th ult. after a lingering illness, which she bore with christian patience and resignation to the divine will of her Creator—Mrs. Margaret Thompson, in the 74th year of her age, an old and respectable inhabitant of this city. (Wednesday, May 8, 1805)

Died, on Saturday last, after a long and painful illness, Dr. William Steel, a respectable inhabitant of Wadmaw Island. (Friday, May 10, 1803)

Died, on Thursday the 9th instant, Mrs. Grace Caine, aged 73 years, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with christian fortitude and resignation to the will of her maker. (Tuesday, May 14, 1805)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Hollingshead, Mr. Robert Little, to Mrs. Mary Keen both of this city. (Saturday, May 18, 1805)

Departed this life in Greenville District, on Tuesday, the 30th of April, Elizabeth Brown, consort of Willey S. Brown, in the 32nd year of her age, of a puerperal fever, with which she was afflicted fourteen days. She was the mother of nine children (one of which is not) whom with her husband, many relatives and friends, is left to bewail and lament her early exit. (May 20, 1805)

Married, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Buist, Capt. Alexander Campbell, to Mrs. Margaret Cameron, both of this city. (Tuesday, May 21, 1805)

Married, last evening, by the Rev. Mr. Bowen, Mr. Jacob R. Valk, To Miss Sarah Gyles, both of this city. (Thursday, May 23, 1805)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Minrad Griner, to Miss Mercy Palmer, both of this city.

Married, on Thursday the 11th instant, by the Rev. Dr. M'Caulley, Mr. John White, to Mrs. Mary Bollough, both of Christ Church parish. (Saturday, May 25, 1805)

Died, on Thursday last, in the 40th year of his age, William Hunter Torrans, esq. attorney at law, after a few days illness, which he bore with christian fortitude, He always supported the character of a real good and honest man; always willing to assist the poor in distress. He has left a wife and six children to lament the loss of a kind husband and an affectionate parent. (Monday, May 27, 1805)

Died, on Friday last, in the 76th year of his age, Doctor John Syme, for many years a respectable inhabitant of St. 'Thomas' Parish. (Tuesday, May 28, 1805)

Married, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Buist, Mr. Peter Johnston, printer, to Mrs. Sarah Hughes, widow of the late James Hughes, house-carpenter.

On the 2nd of April at Newport, R. I. departed this life, at a very advanced age, the Hon. David Oliphant, Esq. This gentleman was for many years an eminent physician and surgeon in this city. He was among the earliest and most zealous patriots of the American Revolution—he served with distinguished reputation, in the highest civil appointments, at its commencement; and continued to do so until he was called to the office of Director General of the Southern Army, which he discharged with the highest honor, integrity and ability, until the surrender of Charleston, when he became a prisoner of war. After the peace, he was repeatedly faithful and much approved Representative of St. George, Dorchester, in the Senate of this State. In the year 1787, being in extreme bad health, he went to Newport, where he recovered, and shortly afterwards married the amiable Miss Vernon, of that place; since which he remained a citizen there, until the close of his life. Still, however, will he continue to live in the remembrance of those who knew him, and the annals of our country will teach succeeding generations to stamp a high value upon his character. In private life he was no less meritorious—an easy, polite, well-bred gentleman; the agreeable, cheerful, and instructive companion; he was always sure to command the esteem and regard of Society, according to the proportion of their acquaintance with him; and those who knew him best, valued him most. He has left a widow, a son, a daughter, and a grand daughter, besides a numerous train of friends and acquaintances, to lament, and deeply to regret, that he could no longer remain among them.

Died, yesterday between one and two o'clock, after a short but painful illness, Mrs. Azuby, in the 50th year of her age, relict of the Rev. Mr. Abraham Azuby. She bore corporeal pain with becoming, pious fortitude, and as her life was exemplary virtuous, so her end manifested a religious resignation to the will of the Maker she adored. (Friday, May 31, 1805)

Married, by the Rev. Mr. Bowen, on Thursday last, Doctor M. Bradley, to Miss Elizabeth Teabout, both of this city.

Married, on Thursday evening at Hampstead, by the Rev. Dr. Hollinshead, Mr. Isaac Bouchonneau, to Miss Ann M. Henrichson, both of this city.

Died, on Sunday, the 25th May, Theodore Gaillard, sen, in the 68th year of his age. (Saturday, June 1, 1805)

Married, on Sunday the 21st inst. by the Rev. Dr. M'Calla, Mr. William Zylks, to Miss Ann Costain, both of this city. (Wednesday, June 5, 1805)

Died, on Thursday evening last, Mr. Charles J. Lewis, late merchant of this city, in the 26th year of his age. (Saturday, June 8, 1805)

Died, on Sunday morning, Mrs. Philah Moise, aged 18 years. The loss of this truly excellent young lady, is the most cutting stroke to her friends and acquaintances. Scarcely had two months blessed her union with the object of her love, which was founded on long, tried affection, than death snatched her away. Possessed of every charm which could render the marriage state happy, she lived not time enough to enjoy that state. (Eulogies omitted) (Tuesday, June 11, 1805)

Married, on the 6th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Caple, Mr. Ferdinand Muller, of this place, to Miss Sarah Bruton, of Barnwell District.

Died, on the 25th ult. Mrs. Martha Inglesby, wife of Mr. William Inglesby, aged 40 years. (Friday, June 14, 1805)

Married, in the parish of St. Luke's, on Thursday evening, the 6th of June, by the rev. Mr. Hicks, Thomas Deveau, esq. sheriff of Beaufort District, to the amiable Miss Jane Porteous, daughter of Robert Porteous, esq. deceased.

Died, on the 3rd instant, Mrs. Susannah Smith, the wife of John Smith, aged 23 years, 11 months and 29 days, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with christian fortitude and resignation. She has left a husband and many relatives to lament her death. (Saturday, June 15, 1805)

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INSCRIPTIONS FROM CEMETERY, OLD PRESBYTERIAN
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B. E. Gibert / Born / Feb. 16, 1813 / Died / Dec. 4, 1897

Sarah J. / Wife of / B. E. Gibert / Born / Sept. 27, 1826 /
Died / Feb. 19, 1896

To / The Memory of / Mrs. Martha C. Gibert / Daughter of
Dr. William and / Catherine Calhoun Tennent / Born December
18, 1830 / Died March 26, 1874 / She possessed all the virtues of
a / Christian, a wife, Mother, and a friend

Opposite side of monument: Here sweet be my rest till He / Bid
me arise / To hail Him in triumph descend- / ing the skies

Daughter / of / Dr. J. A. & M. A. Gibert

Sarah Pettigrew / Wife of / Orville T. Calhoun, Esq. / and
daughter of / Dr. J. A. & M. C. Gibert / Born / Dec. 8, 1856 /
Died / Oct. 28, 1887 / "He Giveth His Beloved / Sleep"

John / Albert / Gibert, M.D. / Born / May 3, 1821 / Died /
Sept. 3, 1892 / The Eternal God / Is Thy Refuge, and / Under-
neath Are the / Everlasting Arms / Deut. XXXIII-27

Opposite side of monument: A Worthy Scion / of That Devoted /
Huguenot Race / Who Forsook Their / Native France / For the
Sake of / Jesus Christ / He Lived a Busy / Useful Life and /
Sleeps with His / Fathers

In Loving / Remembrance / of / Sarah E. / Wife of / William
L. / Darracott / Mar. 20, / 1842 / Apr. 25, / 1913 / Aged 75
years / 1 Month / 5 days

W. E. McNair / Born / Feb. 13, 1833 / Died / Mar. 20, 1906

G. W. Martin

Catherine / Wife of / Phares / Martin

In Memoriam / William M. Rogers / 1st. Lieut. 15th. Rgt.
So. Ca. Vol. / Born Dec. 17th, 1826 / Died Oct. 18th, 1863 /
The son of Capt. Paul Rogers / A Huguenot of the Colony of
New / Bordeaux. The blessing that is found / in the "House
of the righteous" de- / scended on him / Faithful in that he pro-
fessed, he / was counted worthy, at an early age, / to succeed in
the office long borne / by his Sires in the Church; Amiable / by
nature, he walked by faith, "as seeing / him, who is invisible."
and his conscien- / tious bearing, won the love of all who / knew
him, "Though dead, he yet speaketh." / In defence of Southern
rights he laid / upon his Country's Alter, a life full of / the highest
promise. In the triumph of / Faith and in hope of a higher
world. / He died from a wound received at / Chickamauge. / "Pre-
cious in the sight of the Lord, / is the death of his Saints."

Harriet E. LeRoy / Born / Sept. 26, 1825 / Died / Feb. 10,
1892

In Memory of / J. N. LeRoy / Born September 30th, / 1825.
Died December / 5th, 1865 At the Hos- / pital in Virginia / He
went for the defence / of his Country but / God saw proper to
re- / move him—We trust to / a far better Land. / He was
believed by his / friends and respected / by his enemies if any /
he had.

John LeRoy / Born Oct. 30th, 1788 / Died Feb. 29th, 1872

Isaac Louis / LeRoy / Nov. 4, 1861 / Oct. 28, 1918

Elijah B. LeRoy / Born / March 2, 1822 / Died / Nov. 10,
1895 / Our Father At / Rest

Emma Jane / LeRoy

Albert A. LeRoy

Little Bruce / Infant son / of / S. S. & A. E. McLaine

Lizzie / Townsend / McCracken / Born at / Bennettsville / in 1857 / Died at / Willington / in 1901 / In perfect faith / she passed away / in the hope of a / reunion with / loved ones gone / before

Arthur / Townsend / McCracken / Born in / Aiken 1884 / Died at / Rose Hill / Home 1899 / He was sudden- / ly taken from / life and all who / loved him, ere / sin could blight / or sorrow fade

Our Father / and Mother / Thomas J. / McCracken / Died 1889 / Age 75 Years / He is gone to his rest / after a useful life. / Martha E. / McCracken / Died 1905 / Age 77 Years / Having served her / generation, she now / sweetly rests.

Oscar M. / Son of / M. M. & M. E. Tarrant / Born Feb. 4, 1864 / Died Jan. 22, 1873 / Gone, but not forgotten

Martha E. Govin / Wife of / M. M. Tarrant / Born / Jan. 4, 1834 / Died / May 12, 1910

Marion M. Tarrant / Died / April 30, 1889 / Aged / 55 Years & 15 days

Susan L. / Consort of / E. B. LeRoy / Born Oct. 22, 1831 / Died Feb. 3, 1859

Dr. James Morrow / Born August 7, 1820 / Died December 11, 1865 / Noble, Generous. Upright

Sacred / To the Memory of / Mary Weed / Who died Septem- / ber 8, 1857. Aged 92 / years, 1 month & 2 / days

Sacred / To the Memory of / Maj. A. Weed / Who died Febru- / ary / 23, 1851. Aged 90 / years, 11 months & / 7 days

Isaac Monroe Moragne / Born Oct. 24, 1821 / Died Dec. 11, 1852

Margaret Blanton Moragne / Wife of Isaac Moragne / Was
born Sept. 11, 1790 / Died Oct. 29, 1852

Isaac Moragne / Born / A' la Nouvelle Bordeaux / July 11,
1774 / He died March 13, 1850

South Side: John Bayle Moragne / Born Oct. 16, 1819 / He
served as a 1st. Lieut. / in the Palmetto Regiment / and was
killed in battle / at the Garita De Belen, / City of Mexico /
Sept. 13, 1847

West side: Vere Crux. / Contreras. / Churubusso. / Chapul-
tepec. / Garita De Belen.

East Side: He fell and some there are who say, / 'Tis glorious
thus to die, / When the gallant blood is mounting high. / In the
clasp of Victory— / But dearer far to us, than all / The deeds
of noblest birth / Is the gem that in his heart was warm / The
gem of modest worth

Frances Cecille / Moragne / Born Nov. 22, 1830 / Died Dec. 7,
1845 / Meek, Gentle, Lovely

Sacred / To the Memory of / General William Bull / Who was
an elegant and polite scholar, a gentleman. / A warm zealous, and
disinterested patriot / A brave and most generous Officer, and
was thus / Endeared to all ranks of men who knew him. / A kind
neighbour, a very warm and devoted friend / Kind and liberal to
the poor, a good and generous brother. / Incredible to relate: on
the night of / the 27th. of Dec. 1838 being alone on his plantation /
General Bull was most unjustly, cruelly and / horribly murdered
by his own servants / Aged 49 years and 4 months

Sacred / To the Memory of / Mrs. Elizabeth Bull / Who fell
asleep in Jesus / on the 7th. of July 1832 / Aged 70 years / Mrs.
Bull was a widow in deed trusting in God / an humble, constant
and trembling / believer in Jesus Christ.

In Memory / Of / John Baxter Bull / Who departed this life
5th. Jany. 1853 / In the 65th. year of his age / He was born in

the lower part of this State / And when quite a youth removed
with his / Widowed Mother to the neighbourhood of / Willington,
and under the care of the / Rev. Moses Waddle, he received /
Both his intellectual and religious training

Sacred / To the Memory of / Sarah Bull / Widow of the late /
John B. Bull / and for many years wife of / David Morrow /
Buried near by in the Guthrie Cemetery / with whom she emi-
grated to this country / From the County of Down in Ireland in
1818 / A member of the Church of the Covenanters / From her
earliest years / She attached herself in this country / To the
Willington Presbyterian Church / and died in the full faith and
triumph / of the glorious Gosepl of the Blessed God, / and our
Saviour Jesus Christ / My flesh shall rest in hope

Eliza / Woodson / Pleasants / Wife of / Moses Waddle, D. D., /
Founder of / Willington Church / Died 1830

Sacred / To the Memory of / Margaret Melton / Died on the
10th. of March / 1834 / Aged 41 years

Jennie / Wife of / Stephen Lee / Born / June 9, 1793 / Died /
Jan. 16, 1889 / She went about doing / Good for her Masters /
sake

Sacred / To the Memory of / Sarah Elizabeth / McKittrick /
Who departed this life / Feb. 1st, 1845 / Aged 7 years & 16 days

Sacred / To the Memory of / Lucretia McKittrick / Who de-
parted this life / April 22nd, 1845 / Aged 41 years

Sacred / To the Memory of / Susan Jane / McKittrick / Who
departed this life / March 13th. 1843 / Aged 3 months & 13 days

Caroline / Jane / Gibert / Wife of / W. G. Darracott / Born /
Jan. 21, 1821 / Died / July 23, 1908

Sacred / To the Memory of / Edwen Claudius / Son of / Robert
and Sarah Brady / Who departed this life / On the 10th. of July
1852 / Aged 2 years & 9 months

Joseph / Son of / Dr. E. M. & M. A. / Roberts / Died May 30th, / 1863. Aged three / weeks and five / days

Martha / Margaret Covin / Was born / July 21st. 1859 / and died / Oct. 17th, 1862 / Aged 3 years / 2 months & 26 days

Sacred to the memory of / Carrie Isabella Covin / Who departed this life / August 25, 1873 / Aged 3 years, 4 months / & 19 days

In Memory of / Mrs. E. C. Covin / Wife of P. A. Covin / Born May 30, 1841 / Died March 31, 1879

In Memory of / John Baskin / Who was born Aug. 24, 1774 / And died Jan. 22, 1853

In Memory / of / Jane Baskin / Who was born March 6, 1770 / And died Dec. 8, 1848

J. Glenn / Son Of L. J. & F. M. / Bouchillon / Oct. 7, 1917 / July 11, 1919

Francis Mathew / Son of / H. M. & G. E. Bouchillon / Born / May 16, 1904 / Died / Jan. 30, 1905

Leonard G. Son of / H. M. & G. E. Bouchillon / Born Jan. 12, 1884 / Died Dec. 24, 1914

Henry P. / Son of / H. M. & G. E. / Bouchillon / Born / Aug. 29, 1887 / Died / July 7, 1909

At left: T. B. Bouchillon / May 26, 1904 / Feb. 23, 1920

At right: R. E. Bouchillon / July 27, 1907 / Feb. 23, 1920

At left: Helen / Born & Died / Feb. 3, 1897

At right: John E. / Born / May 22 & / Died July 26, 1898

In center: Children of / G. B. & D. M. Perryman

Sacred / To the Memory / of / E. P. Wilhite / Aged 49 years

In / Memory of / Jeremiah Gardner / Who was born / Oct. 29th, 1785 / Departed this life / March 12th. 1851

In / Memory of / Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner / Consort of / Jeremiah Gardner / Who was born / August 7th. 1786 / Departed this life / April 5th. 1858

In Memory / of / Isabella H. McBride / Who was born Sept. 7th. 1807 / And died Oct. 18th. 1854

In Memory of / John B. McBride / Who died at / Fredericksburg, Va. / at the early age of / 23 years, 2 mos. & 20 days / He died a solider of / his dear country / and of the cross of / Christ

In Memory / of / James S. Baskin / Who was born June 2, 1802 / And died Oct. 28, 1851

C. A. White / Born / Feb. 1843 / Died / April 2, 1892

George M. C. / White / Apr. 2, 1871 / Mar. 17, 1926

Sacred / To the Memory / of / Robert Brady / Who departed this life in the 5th. / year of his life

Sacred / To the Memory of / Moses S. Clay / Born 31st. Sept. 1831 / Died the 10th. March 1850 / Aged 18 years, 5 months & 9 days

Sacred / To the Memory of / John Clay / Who departed this life / January 13, 1855 / In the 66th. year of his age

Sacred / to / The Memory of / John B. Morrah / Who died 30th. Sept. 1859 / Aged 21 years, 8 months & / 21 days

Sacred / To the Memory of / Jane Morrah / Who was born the 29th. of April 1787 / And departed this life / the 3rd. of July 1847

Isabella N. Morrah / Born Feb. 4, 1884 / Died Oct. 3, 1889 /
On opposite side: Dear Savior keep this little Lamb / Within
thy fond embrace, / And in the Mansions of the just / May we
behold her face

Isabella N. Morrah / Wife of / J. E. Morrah / Born / Dec. 3,
1837 / Died / June 8, 1887

Nancy A. Morrah / Wife of / S. R. Morrah / Born / Oct. 23,
1816 / Died / Jan. 10, 1888

Sacred To The Memory / Of / Samuel R. / Morrah / Born /
Oct. 13, 1813 / Died / June 12, 1882

In Memory of / Louis Covin / Died / July 9, 1880 / Aged 81
Years / 1 Month & 9 Days

Sacred / To the Memory of / Mary Ann Covin / Died Aug.
17th. 1848 / Aged 18 years, 7 months / and 4 days

Mrs. Mary Ann Covin / Born / May 14, 1802 / Died / April 5
1886 / Aged / 83 years, 10 months / and 21 days

Sacred / To the Memory of / William M. Covin / Died Aug.
13th, 1848 / Aged 21 years, 1 month / and 5 days

In Memory / of / Mrs. Bathsheba Ann Harris / Born / May
10, 1805 / Died / September 17, 1850

At left: Floride G. / Harris

In center: Thomas H. / Harris

At right: Bathsheba A. / Harris

In center: Three babes / in Heaven

Sacred / To / The Memory / Of / Dr. S. V. / Caine / Who was
born / November 1st, / 1809 / and died / July 6th, 1858 / in the
49th. year / of his age

Mary Eliza / Consort of / Dr. H. G. Middleton / Born / June
15, 1824 / Died / June 20, 1851

George R. / Son Of / W. S. & L. B. Moughett / Born / Oct. 20, 1888 / Died / Dec. 20, 1889

Nannie J. / Wife of / B. E. Gibert, Jr. / Born / Oct. 19, 1854 / Died / Dec. 12, 1882 / Resting in peace

Agnes E. / Second wife of / B. E. Gibert, Jr. / Born / Nov. 3 1855 / Died / Jan. 4, 1892 / At Rest

Lila M. / Wife of / B. E. Gibert / Born / April 27, 1877 / Died / Oct. 10, 1910

J. B. A. Moragne / Born June 18, 1850 / Died Feb. 26, 1899 / Son of / P. B. & R. A. Allen Moragne / Married / S. E. Ramey / Jan. 4, 1870

Amanda Alice Moragne / Born Aug. 7th. 1846 / Died March 13th, 1851

Loucinda Jane Moragne / Born Nov. 25th. 1837 / Died Aug. 1st. 1855 / "Not dead but sleepeth"

Peter Boyer / Moragne / Born / Aug. 20, 1804 / Died / Oct. 21, 1881

Rachel Amanda Allen / Daughter Of / Banister Allen / Married / Peter Boyer Moragne / Jan. 29, 1839 / Born / Dec. 29, 1821 / Died / Nov. 12, 1856

Samuel Leslie / Son of / R. F. & M. E. Morris / Born / Aug. 7 1884 / Died / June 27, 1886

Josephine Bellot / 1812 / 1894

C. W. Cowan / Born / Nov. 15, 1829 / Died / June 27, 1893

Margaret S. / Cowan / Born / Sept. 7, 1838 / Died / June 16, 1896

Maggie Cowan / Born / May 24, 1869 / Died / Sept. 16, 1871

Martha Clark / Hemminger / Born Aug. 10, 1865 / Died Mar.
1, 1902

Isaac L. / Porter / Apr. 21, 1860 / June 11, 1919

Mary Louisa / Daughter Of / J. L. & K. H. Porter / Born /
Sept. 15, 1891 / Died / Aug. 24, 1892

Joe. R. Porter / May 8, 1897 / Jan. 18, 1919

Infant / son of / R. W. & S. M. / Perryman / Mar. 19, 1901

Joseph Jenkins / Link / Aug. 29, 1862 / Sept. 14, 1909

Louisa Catherine Harris / Wife of / Dr. W. E. Link / Apr. 4,
1829 / Sept. 16, 1897

Wm. Edwin Link / Died Oct. 1st. 1925 / Aged 93 yrs. 9 mos.
& 12 days

George Bradley / Morrah / Mar. 9, 1856 / July 24, 1902 /
Jane Wardlaw / Morrah / June 12, 1863 / Nov. 20, 1896

—Copied July 26, 1926.

HISTORICAL NOTES

GRIMBALL

The following items are additions to the account of the Grimball family, printed in the first three issues of Vol. XXIII of this MAGAZINE.

Arms, from a seal used by John Grimball of Granville County, 1748-1804, now owned by Judge Wm. H. Grimball:

Azure; a Lion passant Or between three stars argent, crest. On a helmet and wreath of its colors: a Demi Lion gules holding in his dexter paw a star az.

The Bible records are from Isaac Grimball's Bible now owned by Miss Charlotte M. Grimball. This record gives the names of the six wives of John Grimball (1748-1804).

"Isaac Grimball His Bible bought in ye Year 1740"

Isaac Grimball was born July ye 30 in ye year of our Lord, 1709.

Isaac Grimball and Elizabeth¹ were married April 18 being Thursday in ye year 1734.

Elizabeth Grimball was delivered of her son named Charles ye February ye 25, 1734 being Wednesday [1734/5 new style].

Elizabeth Grimball was delivered of her first daughter named Elizabeth, September 6, 1736, being Monday.

My wife was delivered of her second daughter named Providence August, ye 29, 1738 being Thursday.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear child Elizabeth Grimball August ye 17, 1739 being Friday.

My wife was delivered of her third daughter named Rebekah July ye 25, 1741 being Saturday.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear child Rebekah January the 13, in ye year 1742 being Thursday.

My wife was delivered of her fourth daughter named Ann October ye 14, 1743 being Friday about twelve o'clock.

My wife was delivered of her fifth daughter named Mary November ye 6, 1745 being Wednesday.

¹ Elizabeth Pemberton; this item not in the Bible but found among other records.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear daughter Mary, December ye ninth in ye year of our Lord 1745, being Monday about twelve o'clock.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Grimball April ye 20 about eleven o'clock at night in ye year of our Lord 1746 being Sunday.

I was married May ye 7 being Thursday to Rebekah² in ye year 1747.

Rebekah Grimball was delivered of her first son named John September ye 12 being Monday 1748.

Rebekah Grimball was delivered of her first daughter named Elizabeth January ye 24, 1749, being Saturday.

Rebekah Grimball was delivered of her second son named Isaac February 16, 1752 about two of the clock, being Sabbath day in the afternoon.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear son named Isaac April 29, 1752 Thursday about 9 of the clock.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear Daughter Elizabeth June ye 13, 1752 being Saturday about eleven of ye clock in the afternoon.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear and loving Mother, Rebekah Grimball, January 21, 1767 about six o'clock in the morning. John Grimball.

John Grimball and Mary Pelot was married August 17, being Thursday in the year 1768.

My wife Mary was delivered of her first son named Isaac Pelot Grimball, June 4, 1770 being Monday half after six o'clock.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear and loving wife Mary Grimball June 6, about two o'clock at noon in the year of our Lord 1770 it being Wednesday. J. Grimball.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear son named Isaac Pelot in the year of our Lord 1770.

John and Ann Grimball was married September 24, being Thursday in the year 1772, married by Mr. Pelot.

Ann Grimball miscarried with a son July 31 being Saturday about six o'clock in the morning.

Ann Grimball was delivered of her daughter (it was dead born) August 13, 1774.

² Rebecca Sealey.

Ann Grimball was delivered of her second son named Charles September 11, 1775, being Monday about six o'clock in the evening.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear son named Charles January 27, 1776.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away in the most extraordinary manner by drowning my dear and loving wife Ann Grimball January 18 about half after twelve o'clock in the Day in the year of our Lord 1777, it being Saturday.

John Grimball and Anne Adams, widow of John Adams, was married January 15, being Thursday in the year 1784, aged 28.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear and loving wife Anne Grimball, January 31, about twenty minutes after two o'clock in the morning in the year of our Lord 1785, it being Monday.
J. Grimball.

John Grimball and Sarah Davant was married April 6, 1786, being Thursday by the Rev. Cooke.

Sarah Grimball was delivered of a still born son February 1, 1788 it being Friday.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear and loving wife, Sarah Grimball February 8, 1788 about six o'clock in the morning it being Friday.

John Grimball and Esther Berkley was married June 18, 1789 being Thursday.

Esther Grimball was delivered of a still born daughter January 1st, 1791, it being Saturday.

It hath pleased the Lord to take away by death my dear and loving wife Esther Grimball January 4, 1791 about three o'clock in the afternoon it being Tuesday.
J. Grimball.

John Grimball and Elizabeth Berkley was married April 21, 1797—Friday.

Elizabeth Berkley Grimball was delivered of a daughter named Eliza July 18, 1798.

Elizabeth Berkley Grimball was delivered of a son named John Berkley Grimball June 23, 1800, at 2 o'clock afternoon.

Elizabeth Berkley Grimball was delivered of a still born son June 8, 1802. She is extremely ill.

LETTER FROM HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM FISHER

On page 179 of this volume is the mention of the visit of several noted Quaker preachers. The letter of Henry Laurens quoted in part below gives a little side-light on the local impression made by these visitors.

[Henry Laurens to William Fisher of Philadelphia]

11 February, 1769

Dear Sir

* * * * *

Your Friends & I beg leave to call them my Friends Too—M^{rs}. Rachel Wilson, M^r. Sam. & Morton & a Lady who accompanied them from Virginia or Maryland have been in Charles Town—their stay was very Short. They were attended both in private & Public by many of the best Inhabitants—My good Friend M^r. Manigault. after asking me some Questions—said that altho' he had not been in a Quaker Meeting for 50 y^{rs}. past he would go to hear M^{rs}. Wilson & I am persuaded that he would have asked her and her Friends to His House, a House of Piety, Peace & Happiness—but they left Charles Town that very morning.

I was unlucky in having relied by Mistake upon some of the few Quakers here—& from thence concluded that they had some special Directions—relative to M^{rs}. Wilson & was fearful of giving Offence if I should interfer, beyond Common Civility to your Friends & the Offer of Money &c. otherwise those good People should not have gone beyond my House for Lodging if they would have accepted such as the House affords—when they were coming Towards Town I was on a Journey to Mepkin Plantation & met them at 10 Miles distance—I was mindful of your Recommendation and from the Habit of the People concluded those were your Friends I spoke to them & told them they were expected in Charles Town & that I should return & wait upon them in two or three days—at my return I immediately call'd upon them received much Satisfaction indeed in Conversation with them—M^{rs}. Laurens & my Son were equally pleased—We were all sorry to part with them so soon & so was a great Number of People in Charles Town—I have not known strangers at any time among us, meet a more Cordial Reception, nor do I remember to have parted from any

with more Regret—what Pity my Friend that all Quakers are not
Churchmen & all Churchmen Quakers—I'll endeavour to explain
my self when we meet

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—Laurens Letter Book, 1767-1771 p. 349

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